

HOW SAFE IS AMERICA TODAY FROM TERRORIST ATTACKS?

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. How safe is America today from terrorist attacks? Here are some of the results from Foreign Policy magazine's recently published "Terrorism Index," a survey of over 100 top national security experts from across the political spectrum, with the results weighted to ensure balance between conservatives and liberals.

Among the key findings are, one, 84 percent of the experts said we are losing the war on terror. Eighty-six percent said that the world is becoming more dangerous for the United States and the American people. Ninety-three percent said the war in Afghanistan had a positive impact on the war on terror, but 87 percent said the war in Iraq had a negative impact on the war on terror.

It is clear to the American people now that this country is moving in the wrong direction, the wrong direction in the war in Iraq; and it is time for a new direction. The Democrats offer a new direction for America.

GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, in the 5 years since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, we have made great strides in fighting global terrorism, but this war is not over. The recently uncovered plot to bomb U.S.-bound passenger jets made it clear that we are still threatened.

As we remember 9/11, we must renew our commitment to winning this war against Islamic terrorists. Make no mistake, the enemy hasn't lost its resolve. Osama bin Laden put it this way. He said, "The whole world is watching this war and the two adversaries. It is either victory and glory or misery and humiliation."

Our enemies are determined, but they will be defeated if we remain vigilant. As Congress deliberates this month, we must continue to make the protection of the American people our top priority. America's greatest strength lies with our people's love of freedom. By doing what it takes to win this war, we will show that our love for freedom is stronger than our enemy's desire for bloodshed and tyranny.

DEMOCRATS SUPPORT DEMOCRACY AT HOME AS WELL AS ABROAD

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the statement by Majority Leader

BOEHNER was shameful and disgraceful. To suggest that my fellow Democrats care more about protecting the terrorists than the American people is not right, it is not fair, it is not just, and it is not the American way.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats will not stand by and let a single attack go unanswered. You may play the politics of fear, you may question the patriotism of those who use their constitutional rights to criticize this administration, but this dog will not hunt. This dog just will not hunt.

The American people know better. They want this Nation to take a new path. They want to move in a different direction. They want leaders who respect the dignity and the values of our democracy. We cannot defend democracy abroad if we don't practice it here at home.

CONGRATULATING HARALSON COUNTY, GEORGIA, ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Haralson County, Georgia, which this year is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

One hundred fifty years ago, back in 1856, the Georgia General Assembly created Haralson County from parts of Carroll and Polk Counties. Haralson County is forever tied to the statesman of its founding. The county was named after a distinguished soldier and a United States Congressman, Hugh Haralson, and the county's seat, Buchanan, was named several years later after President James Buchanan.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most recognizable sites in the city of Buchanan is the courthouse, built in 1891, and currently listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. The courthouse is symbolic of Haralson County, for as the county has grown and changed over the past 150 years, it has never lost sight of its history and founding.

And though the county's founders might not recognize some of the recent additions, like the Honda plant, I know they would feel right at home in the warm communities that populate this county. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of my colleagues join me in congratulating the citizens of Bremen, Buchanan, Tallapoosa, Waco, and all of Haralson County on this historic occasion.

PRESIDENTIAL RHETORIC VS. ECONOMIC REALITY

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Education and Workforce Committee, I am shocked at the difference between Presidential rhetoric

and economic reality. Every time the President speaks about the state of our Nation, it becomes apparent just how out of touch he really is.

Last month, after meeting at Camp David with his economic team, the President told reporters that things are good for the American worker. Let me ask: What exactly is his economic team telling him?

The reality is that American workers are suffering, while corporate profits soar. Productivity in our Nation has increased, but the workers who are putting in the extra effort have no piece of that wealth they are helping to create. In fact, wages and salaries are at their lowest proportion of the economy, while corporate profits are at the highest level since 1960.

What that means for the average American worker is that they are working harder without receiving any real pay increase. Meanwhile, the companies they work for are reporting record profits. Something is wrong. We need to turn it around and have that reality work for the working people.

PRESIDENT HAS MISLED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON IRAQ

(Ms. WATERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, the President of the United States continues to try and sell Americans on the fact that we should be in Iraq.

Mr. President, where is Osama bin Laden? Mr. President, you have spent over \$300 billion on this occupation in Iraq. You have misled this country. We have over 2,700 soldiers that are dead and the occupation continues. We are less safe.

The real war is in Afghanistan. We have not dedicated the soldiers or the money there. That border between Afghanistan and Pakistan is a staging ground for our soldiers to be attacked, yet we wrap our arms around Mr. Musharraf, the President of Pakistan. They won't even let us come into Pakistan to get the terrorists who are attacking our soldiers.

It is time for the President of the United States to own up to the fact that he has made a mistake. He has misled the American people. We cannot continue this occupation. It is draining us of our resources, and it is placing us in real danger. Mr. President, go get Osama bin Laden.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will request once again that Members address their remarks to the Chair and not to the President.